



605.06 Exposure to Blood Borne Pathogens

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605.06-1 Policy

- I. The Hendry County Sheriff's Office shall have an established step-by-step process to be followed by staff members working in the correctional setting following an exposure to bodily fluids, which could contain blood borne pathogens.
- II. This process shall address physical contact with bodily fluids or substances, as well as the treatment of contaminated bio hazardous areas.

605.06-2 General

- I. The HCSO has published a **Blood Borne Control Pathogen Exposure Control Plan**, which accepts universal safety precautions as the standard. All blood and infectious bodily fluids or substances are to be considered infectious regardless of the perceived status of the source (staff member or inmate). **(HCSO S.O.P. 750.01)**
- II. Bio hazardous area:
 - A. All surfaces contacted by bodily fluids or substances shall be considered contaminated bio hazardous areas.
 - B. All contaminated bio hazardous areas shall be decontaminated by cleansing solution containing one part chlorine bleach mixed with ten parts water. Cleansing solutions will be made as needed, and disposed of immediately after use.

605.06-3 Personal Exposure

Upon exposure to, or as soon thereafter as practical, affected staff member(s) shall perform the following applicable procedures.

- I. Treatment of clothing:
 - A. Remove contaminated clothing.
 - B. Place clothing to be washed into a biodegradable plastic bag and deliver to the Laundry Room.
 - C. Clothing to be disposed of should be secured in a regular plastic bag and given to the Medical Section for disposal as hazardous waste.

- D. Under no circumstances will contaminated clothing be permitted to be laid on the floor, placed on benches or over a chair. Should this occur, the area shall be treated as a bio hazardous area.
- II. Treatment of exposed body areas:
 - A. The affected staff member shall flush contaminated body parts and wash same with an antibacterial wash or chlorine bleach solution of one part Chlorine bleach to ten parts water. The chlorine bleach solution shall not be more than 24 hours old.
 - B. All towels, face cloths, and such used during clean up shall be handled as in #1 above.
- III. Deputies exposed shall complete a First Notice of Injury and an Incident Report clearly detailing the incident, and deliver both reports to the on-duty Shift Supervisor.
- IV. Exposed staff members or staff members with suspected exposure shall follow current procedures to ensure tests for infectious diseases are carried out in the most expeditious manner.

605.06-4 Shift Supervisor Duties

The on-duty Shift Supervisor shall adhere to the following procedure in the event a staff member is exposed.

- I. Furnish the exposed staff member with the First Notice of Injury form.
- II. Ensure every attempt is made to identify the source of the contamination and encourage the individual(s) involved to voluntarily submit to testing.
- III. Review and initial the First Notice of Injury form, and the Incident Report, from the affected staff member, and fax the reports to the HCSO Risk Manager.
- IV. Forward report originals to the Jail Administrator.

REFERENCES

State/Federal Regulations:
Florida Model Jail Standards

FCAC:
N/A

PREA:
N/A

Forms:
Blood Borne Control Pathogens Exposure Control Plan
First Notice of Injury
Incident Report

Other Policy/ Procedure References:
600.00 Table of Content
750.01 HCSO SOP Manual

